

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Crab Creek. Crab Creek is identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for bacteria and the General Standard (Benthic). The Crab Creek segment is located in Montgomery County. The impairment is approximately 10.46 miles in length and begins at the headwaters (above Christiansburg) and continues down to the confluence with the New River.

§303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The first public meeting on the development of the Crab Creek TMDL will be held on **Tuesday, October 14, 2003**, at 7:00 p.m. at Montgomery County Office Building Boardroom located at 755 Roanoke Street in Christiansburg, Virginia.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on November 14, 2003. A fact sheet on the development of the TMDL is enclosed. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Jason Hill. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Jason Hill, Department of Environmental Quality, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, Virginia, 24019, telephone (540) 562-6724, Fax (540) 562-6860, or e-mail jrhil@deq.state.va.us.